

6.303-2 -- Content.

(a) Each justification shall contain sufficient facts and rationale to justify the use of the specific authority cited. (b) As a minimum, each justification, except those for sole-source 8(a) contracts over \$20 million (see paragraph (d) of this section), shall include the following information:

(1) **Identification of the agency and the contracting activity, and specific identification of the document as a "Justification for other than full and open competition."** NCA (Louisiana National Cemetery)

(2) **Nature and/or description of the action being approved.** The purchase of an implement for a bobcat MT55 (Backhoe attachment.)

(3) **A description of the supplies or services required to meet the agency's needs (including the estimated value).** The implement is need to excavate second interments in a cremation crypt field where space is limited. The cost is \$6,675.29.

(4) **An identification of the statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition.** Citations: 10 U.S.C. 2304(c)(2) or 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(2). FAR 11.105(a)(a)

FAR 11.105(a)(2)(i) purchase is supported by this approved justification

(5) **A demonstration that the proposed contractor's unique qualifications or the nature of the acquisition requires use of the authority cited.** The attachment is designed for the MT55 mini Track and any other implement may require considerable changes in design and or attachments to fit the machine, resulting in a waste of funds.

(6) **A description of efforts made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as is practicable,** including whether a notice was or will be publicized as required by Subpart 5.2 and, if not, which exception under 5.202 applies.

This will be publicised on GSA as more than one vendor sells this brand.

(7) **A determination by the contracting officer that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable.** (Contracting will do this)

(8) **A description of the market research conducted (see Part 10) and the results or a statement of the reason market research was not conducted.** The implement is manufactured by Bobcat to work on the small track vehicle, with connecting hoses and attachment gear already in place to insure proper operation. Before purchasing the MT55 research was conducted to find a machine small enough to perform the job needed. This is just an attachment for it.

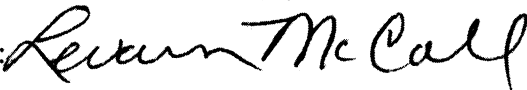
(9) **Any other facts supporting the use of other than full and open competition, such as:**

(iii) When 6.302-2 is cited, data, estimated cost, or other rationale as to the extent and nature of the harm to the Government.

In order to purchase an non-name brand or different branded back hoe attachment, a different skid loader would be needed. The skidloader was purchased 2 years ago as described above. It would be a waste to have to purchase another just to not use the brand name attachment.

(10) A listing of the sources, if any, that expressed, in writing, an interest in the acquisition. Emery Equipment (Bobcat) 12181 AIRLINE HWY, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70817, through Kippertool Company (bobcat) 2375 Murphy Blvd. Gainesville, Ga 30404 GSA: GS-30F-0036X Expires: August 31, 2016.

(11) A statement of the actions, if any, the agency may take to remove or overcome any barriers to competition before any subsequent acquisition for the supplies or services required. None apply.

Signed: 

Levarn McCall Work Leader 8/11/16

Cemetery Personnel, Title, Date

(12) Contracting officer certification that the justification is accurate and complete to the best of the contracting officer's knowledge and belief. (We'll do this.)

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